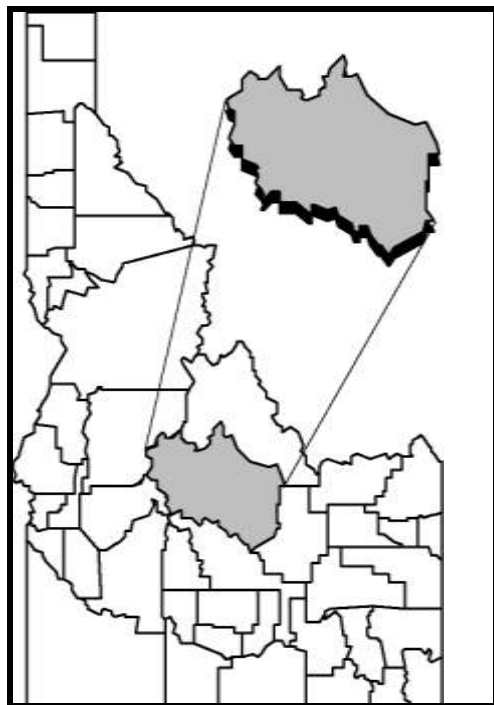


County Seat: Challis

**I. People****Population**

	1980	1990	2000	2006
Total	3,385	4,133	4,342	4,180
Per Sq. Mile	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8
Percent Rural	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Percent Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	70-80	80-90	90-00	00-06
Population Change (%)	14.10	22.1	5.1	-3.7

Demographic Component Changes

	1970-1980	1980-1990	1990-2000	2000-2006
Births	500	786	484	246
Deaths	300	316	357	231
Net Migration	200	278	82	-166
Percent Migration	6.3	8.2	2.0	-3.8
	1980	1990	2000	2006
Birth Rate	19.5	11.4	8.5	9.1
Fertility Rate	98.5	55.5	49.6	55.7
Median Age	31.7	34.7	41.2	45.4
Under 18 Years (%)	31.0	30.5	25.5	20.1
18 to 64 Years (%)	57.7	57.4	59.9	63.6
65+ Years (%)	11.3	12.0	14.5	16.2
Persons Per Household	2.73	2.63	2.41	

Geographic Mobility: 2000

Persons 5 Years and Older Living in a Different State in 1995 (%)	12.4
Persons 5 Years and Older Living in a Different County in 1995 (%)	23.5

II. Housing

	1980	1990	2000
<i>Housing Units</i>			
Total	2,100	2,437	2,983
Mobile Homes, Boat, RV, Van, etc.	346	731	823
Overcrowded Units (1.5+ Persons Per Room)	13	13	24
Units Lacking Some or All Plumbing	208	149	23 *
Total Vacant Units	863	876	1,213
<i>Household Composition (Household Size by %)</i>			
1 to 2 Persons	57.4	57.4	66.4
3 to 5 Persons	35.9	38.6	30.5
6+ Persons	6.7	4.0	3.1
<i>Tenure</i>			
Owner Occupied Units	1,326	896	1,108
Renter Occupied Units	341	453	444
<i>Value</i>			
Median Housing Value	\$38,700	\$49,800	\$90,400
Median Rent	\$100	\$219	\$378
<i>Plumbing Facilities</i>			
Public Sewer	883	1,001	N.A.
Public Water System or Private Company	914	938	N.A.
<i>Age of Housing Stock - Year Structures Built</i>			
Number Built 1995 Through March 2000	393		
Number Built 1990 Through 1994	285		
Number Built 1980 Through 1989	605		
Number Built 1970 Through 1979	721		
Number Built 1960 Through 1969	207		
Number Built 1950 Through 1959	362		
Number Built 1949 or Earlier	410		

* Category changed in Census 2000 to "Lacking Complete Plumbing Facilities"

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III. Work Force

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total Employment	2,746	2,566	2,638	2,616	2,701
Employment by Type					
Wage and Salary Employment	1,785	1,678	1,690	1,694	1,695
Farm Proprietors	304	315	308	308	310
Non-Farm Proprietors	657	573	640	614	696
Employment by Industry					
Farming	351	363	354	354	353
Forestry	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mining	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utilities	29	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Construction	(D)	179	195	164	180
Manufacturing	(D)	40	37	41	48
Wholesale Trade	87	83	97	133	96
Retail Trade	301	286	304	294	288
Transportation and Warehousing	47	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Information	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Finance and Insurance	40	41	39	40	41
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	93	81	84	82	92
Professional and Technical Services	(D)	(D)	(D)	60	110
Mgmt. of Companies and Enterprises	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Administrative Waste Services	62	82	61	(D)	(D)
Educational Services	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(D)
Health Care and Social Assistance	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	95	101	96	104	90
Accommodation and Food Services	245	217	232	226	221
Other Services (Except Public Admin.)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Federal Civilian	175	183	190	172	168
Federal Military	17	17	17	16	15
State and Local Government	311	313	301	302	307

(D) = Not shown to avoid disclosure of confidential material

(L) = Less than 10

Employment: full- and part-time by place of work.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

IV. Economy

	2000	2002	2004	2006
Annual % Labor Force Unemployed	7.1	8.3	5.7	4.1
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Percent Females (16+) in Labor Force	37.3	44.6	54.3	58.1

Local Government Revenues

Travel and Convention Room Tax (2%)

	FY 2000	FY 2002	FY 2004	FY 2006
Total Sales	\$2,898,945	\$3,306,857	\$4,007,691	\$4,559,513
Tax Receipts	\$55,458	\$64,781	\$77,210	\$86,551

Property Taxes

Net Taxable Market Value - 2006	\$983,327,737
Property Taxes Budgeted - 2006	\$2,720,407
Property Tax as a % of Market Value - 2006 *	
Urban	0.53985
Rural	0.24854

* After homeowner exemption

Income

	1990	2000	2005
Per Capita Personal Income	\$15,339	\$22,622	\$23,301
Percent of National Average	78.8%	75.8%	67.6%
Percent of State Average	97.6%	94.0%	81.8%
Government Transfer Payments (in Thousands of Dollars)	\$6,764	\$13,029	\$18,986

Business

	1990	2000	2005
Total Business Establishments	99	153	156

V. Education and Social Indicators

Education Funding Level Per ADA * - 2005-06

<i>School District</i>	<i>State Funds</i>	<i>Local and State Funds</i>	<i>All Funds</i>
Challis Jt District	\$4,329	\$7,715	\$9,591
Mackay Jt District	\$7,439	\$9,532	\$10,745

* Per ADA means per Average Daily Attendance

Education Level *

	<i>1980</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>2000</i>
Bachelor's Degree + (%)	13.4	15.6	17.4
High School Graduates + (%)	75.3	81.7	84.5

* Population age 25 or over

Average Monthly Fourth Quarter Welfare Roll

	<i>No. of Cases</i>	
	<i>2001</i>	<i>2006</i>
Aid to Aged, Blind, Disable	41	23
Temporary Assistance for Families	1	5
Food Stamp Cases	41	57
Medicaid Cases	217	229

Percent Below Poverty

	<i>1989</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2004</i>
Families	11.9	9.7	
Persons	14.8	14.3	10.8

Other Social Indicators - 2005

	County	State
Suicide Rate per 100,000	24.5	15.7
Marriage Rate per 1,000	19.4	10.4
Divorce Rate per 1,000	3.2	5.0

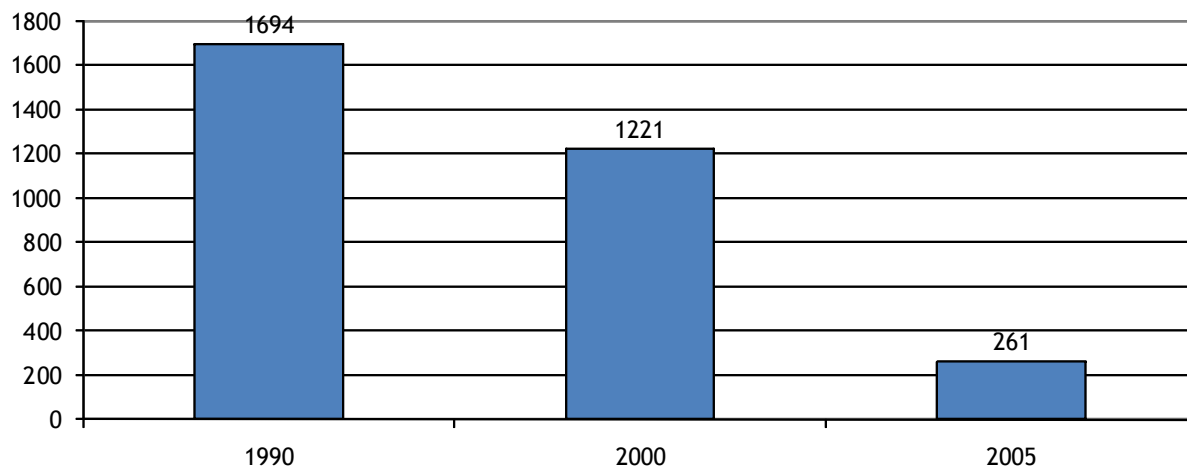
Health Care

	2007
Physicians per 100,000 (2004)	73
Number of Hospitals	0
Total Hospital Beds	0

Crime - Number of Offenses

	1990	2000	2005
Murder	0	0	0
Rape	0	2	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	3	6	0
Burglary	28	8	2
Larceny	35	33	7
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	3	2
Arson	0	1	0

Crime - Rate per 100,000

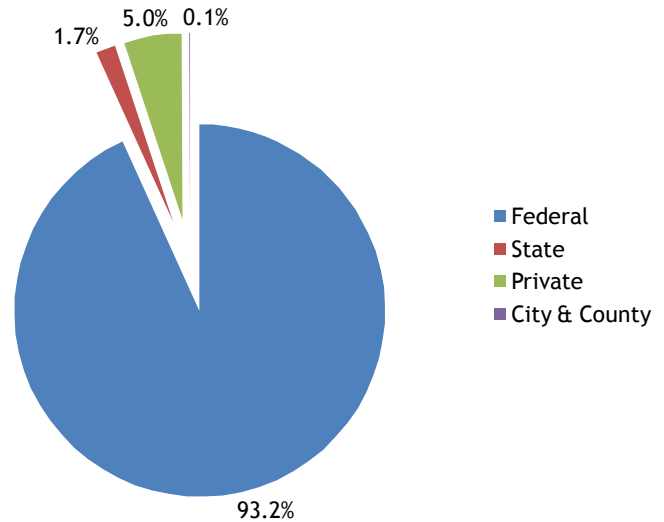


VI. Natural Resources

Land Ownership

	<u>Acres</u>
Federal Land	2,937,675
BLM	813,965
National Forests	2,123,710
Other	0
State Land	53,901
Endowment Land	52,626
Fish and Game	1,253
Parks and Recreation	22
University of Idaho Land	0
Private Land	158,503
County Land	2,300
Municipal Land	5
Total	3,152,384

Percent of Total Land Ownership



Land Use *

	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Urban Land	0	0.0%
Agricultural	116,600	3.7%
Rangeland	1,455,700	46.0%
Forest	1,473,800	46.6%
Water	4,500	0.1%
Wetland	111,000	3.5%
Barren Land	0	0.0%
Tundra	0	0.0%
Perennial Snow	0	0.0%
Total	3,161,600	100.0%

* USGS land use/cover classification system. The water category and the rounding and estimating of satellite-based data usually results in slightly higher totals for land use.

VII. Agriculture

Summary Data - All Farms

<i>Inventory: Farms, Cropland, and Livestock</i>	1992	1997	2002
Total Number, All Farms	267	268	285
Total Acres in Farms	140,701	147,913	131,571
Average Farm Size (Acres)	527	552	462
Total Farms in Crops	235	214	214
Total Acres in Crops	67,964	67,915	54,736
Cattle and Calves Inventory	36,956	42,004	25,528
Number of Irrigated Farms	228	222	206
Number of Irrigated Acres	58,436	61,933	54,699

Farms by Size (Acres)

Under 10	24	28	27
10 to 49	43	43	83
50 to 179	47	57	51
180 to 499	73	52	66
500 to 999	44	45	28
1,000 and Over	36	43	30

Value of Land and Buildings and Products

Average Value of Land and Buildings Per Farm	\$423,414	\$596,364	\$739,598
Average Value of Land and Buildings Per Acre	\$835	\$1,155	\$1,836
Average Value Per Farm of Products Sold	\$52,754	\$65,511	\$44,668

Principal Occupation of Farm Operators

Farming	167	145	170
Other	100	123	115

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VII. Miscellaneous

Motor Vehicles Registered

	<i>1990</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2005</i>
Cars and Pickups	4,308	4,612	4,353
Other	406	1,097	1,228
Total Vehicles Per Capita	1.14	1.31	1.32

Idaho Drivers Licenses in Force

	<i>1990</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2006</i>
Total Licenses	2,188	2,636	2,601

Top Place of Work Destinations for Workers in County (16 years and over) - 2000

Custer County	1,595	Bonneville County	57
Butte County	102	Blaine County	16
Lemhi County	59	Bingham County	8
Total County Workers		1,905	

City Population Trends

	<i>1970</i>	<i>1980</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2006</i>
Challis	784	758	1,073	909	873
Clayton	36	43	26	27	26
Mackay	539	541	574	566	540
Stanley	47	99	71	100	101

Custer County is located in mountainous central Idaho. It ranks 38th among Idaho counties in population and 3rd in area. The federal government owns over 93 percent of the county. Mining and agriculture are the major basic industries, with trade, services and government providing the largest employment opportunities. Annual average total civilian employment in the county increased 6.3 percent from 1996 to 2006. Major employers include Challis and Mackay Joint School District, Custer County government, Personal Home Care Inc., Redfish Lake Lodge, Three Rivers Stone Corporation, Idaho & U.S. Government (BLM, F&G, Ag), Thompson Creek Mining Co. and Village Square.

The Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Redfish Lake, the Yankee Fork Gold Dredge, and Borah Peak, the highest point in Idaho at an elevation of 12,662 feet, are all attractions.

For more information about activities and recreation in the area, visit www.visitidaho.org/placestogo/central.aspx

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